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INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

Findings of Misconduct by a Former Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Falsely Representing that the Former DAAG was a High-Level DOJ Official

The Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of the Inspector General (OIG) initiated this investigation upon receipt of information alleging that a former Deputy Assistant Attorney General (DAAG) falsely claimed, after leaving DOJ, that the former DAAG was still a high-level DOJ official in an effort to have a hospital relocate a relative, who was a patient at the hospital, to a private room.

The OIG investigation substantiated the allegation that the former DAAG falsely represented to the hospital that the former DAAG was a high-level DOJ official and that the hospital did move the former DAAG's relative to a private room at the former DAAG's request, in violation of ethical rules governing attorneys and possibly in violation of criminal law. The former DAAG admitted to the OIG that the former DAAG had invoked a previous position with DOJ in an effort to have the former DAAG's relative moved to a private hospital room. The former DAAG self-reported this misconduct to the former DAAG's law firm and to the State bars where the former DAAG is licensed.

Criminal prosecution of the former DAAG was declined.

Although the former DAAG's actions occurred after the former DAAG departed the relevant DOJ Division, the OIG provided this report to the DOJ Division where the former DAAG worked and to the DOJ Office of Professional Responsibility.

Unless otherwise noted, the OIG applies the preponderance of the evidence standard in determining whether Department of Justice (DOJ) personnel have committed misconduct.

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